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MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1900.

The Democrat wishes every one a Happy New Year.

To-day is the time to make your good resolutions, so as to begin the new year and the new century in a proper manner.

According to a son of Senator Pettigrew, who has recently returned from South Africa, where he served as a scout in the Boer army, the British soldiers are afraid of the Boers and their officers have to force them to fight by placing batteries of Maxim guns in their rear and threatening to fire if they do not advance and fight.

Young Pettigrew also says that the stories alleging that the Boers did not pay and properly treat Americans and others who volunteered to fight for them are absolutely without foundation.

HEARD IN PASSING

British suppression of official news from South Africa tells what the Boers are doing to them as plaudits as the publication of Kitchener's telegram.

Although Assistant Secretary McKeljohn was away from Washington during nearly the entire presidential campaign, he is again in Noborska, conducting his fight for the senatorship and still drawing an official salary.

The shadow of a land, with the forefinger raised in warning, is said to be visible on one of the big pillars of the White House portico, whenever the sun shines on it.

It is intended to warn Mr. McKinley of an adverse decision of the supreme court on the constitutionality of his colonial policy.

BITS OF INFORMATION

Spinning and weaving antedated history.

The corner stone of the capitol was laid by Gen. Washington with masonic ceremonies and a barbecue feast on September 18, 1793.

A curious criminal law exists in Greece. A man who is three sentenced to death waits two years before the execution of the sentence.

It may be noted as an agreeable evidence of the spread of Egyptological enthusiasm in America that nearly half the aggregate income of the fund for the last year came from the United States.

There has been a great fight over the age restriction in the military bill. The secretary of war, the adjutant general and other authorities argue that no man should be appointed to the army who is over 30, so that the government may have the benefit of at least 22 years of service from him before he is retired.

ASIATIC AFFAIRS

Thibet is larger than France, Germany and Spain combined, and has a population of 6,000,000.

The empress of China is said to carry with her 3,000 dresses when she travels. These fill 600 boxes, and are taken care of by 1,200 eunuchs.

Among the Burmese football is as popular as it is in English-speaking countries. But the Burman seems to wear his hair in a peculiar style.

Lord Curzon's speech at Simla on the famine helps us to form some idea of that enormous calamity. We hear that a quarter of all India suffered, that the loss in money runs to about \$250,000,000, not including the millions of cattle that perished, and that half a million deaths were due to the famine alone.

It is, perhaps, the most awful disaster that ever visited the country.

MINES AND MINE PRODUCTS

Sufficient coal can be obtained from Japan's mines to supply the whole country's necessities.

In 1890 the mineral production of the United States amounted to \$619,000,000 and in 1899 to \$975,000,000.

The miners of the Yukon district, Alaska, employ 5,280 men, who receive an average of \$1 an hour.

A company has been formed in New York to work the sulphur mines in the Taconah mountains, a distance of 80 miles from the seaport of Arica, Chili. Cold waste in this country has been enormous in the past. The vast culm heaps for years piling up at the mouth of every coal mine represented waste of natural material amounting to millions of dollars. It is only comparatively recently that this culm waste has been utilized for producing energy.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Wonderful flour is used for cakes and for all delicate pastries. It should be previously dried and sifted.

To peel tomatoes easily, scald them in boiling water, then dip them into cold water and proceed with the peeling.

The effect of lemon juice is to remove special discoloration and slightly to bleach the skin; it is perfectly harmless.

Raisins, currants and other dried fruits which require to be washed before using. Where cake mixtures are concerned the fruit must be put in hot, as much stirring sends it all to the bottom.

HAIL AND FAREWELL.

Dec 31, 1900. 12 M. Jan 1, 1901. "Lo! twelve" comes throbbing on the midnight air.

A rattle-eyes, the dying year is dead; His records written, be they foul or fair;

Its mysteries solved and all its riddles read.

The new year came with swift yet stealthy tread;

No footfall reached the anxious, listening ear

As through the portals he so swiftly sped;

But now his firm, majestic tread we hear.

And so the years go, ever speeding by, And changes come, more strange than lapse of years.

The past is gone. Why comes the deep-drawn sigh?

Why is the eye bedimmed with un-faded tears?

It once was ours; we drank, aye, drained the cup,

Quaffing with eager lips its happiness,

Nor ever dreamed so soon we must give up

Those joys that came our daily life to bless.

Shall all the ties be severed that have bound

Friend unto friend, and very soul to soul?

Shall some Lethæan waters there be found

That over turn and wounded hearts shall roll,

In deep forgetfulness assuaging pain,

Healing all wounds, and leaving not a scar?

Or shall the ties, the wounds, the scars remain?

Shall pain be there our future bliss to mar?

"The Oracles are dumb," with bated breath

We silent stand, awaiting some reply;

It comes not, nor can come until kind

The natives are slow eager for the simple operation.

A committee of scientific men who were appointed to investigate the matter state that an eruption of Mount Vesuvius may be expected at any time.

In excavating for the drainage system which has been installed in the City of Mexico, a number of articles were found which belonged to a previous period to the invasion of Cortez.

The Peking observatory, which for two centuries has been one of the chief glories of Peking, has been looted, and half the instruments will go to Berlin, and half to Paris. The instruments were erected by the Jesuits.

Ed. Geoghegan, of West Point, Ky., has the most remarkable horse in that state, if not in the United States. This horse has as keen a scent for a partridge as any setter or pointer in the country. He can scent them from 15 to 100 feet, and never makes a mistake. He pays no attention to rabbits or to any bird but the partridge.

BREVITIES

Switzerland cultivates 25,000,000 fruit trees.

California strawberries now in the New York market sell at \$1 a pint.

Commercial estimates of the 1900 wheat crop of Siberia place it at 32,000,000 bushels.

There are now about 5,800,000 farms in the United States, and 600,000 factories.

Illinois' beet sugar output last year was valued at \$250,000. About 5,000 acres were cultivated.

A twentieth of Scotland's area is forest land, seven-tenths is mountain, heath and lake, and only one-quarter cultivated land.

A shipment of 100,000 young peach trees from Georgia nurseries, bound for Cape Colony and Natal, South Africa, will be made soon.

The average yield in France per acre for barley was about 22 1/2 bushels in 1900. That of oats was 27 1/2 bushels in the former and 25 1/2 in the latter year.

According to the report to the German government from the imperial consul general at Valparaiso, made under date of June 21, 1900, the exports of wheat from Chili since January 1, of this year, amounted to only about 6,000,000 kilograms, or about 220,000 bushels.

IN VARIOUS STATES

Florida's present population is 528,542.

It is estimated that Illinois has 500,000 acres of apple orchards.

Massachusetts seems to be the boom state of the east, with its better than 25 per cent. increase in population.

Vermont continues to be a rural state. It is the only state in the north that does not contain a city with a population of 25,000 or more.

Under an intelligent system of irrigation it is estimated that 12,000,000 acres of land in New Mexico can be reclaimed and made into farming land which would have no superior in the whole world.

Virginia is experimenting with the dispensary system of selling liquor on account of the state and town, Franklin having been selected for the experiment.

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NOTABLE MEN.

Lord Salisbury has never been known to be in the peers' gallery in the house of commons, and Mr. Gladstone, though he was in parliament for 60 years, was never seen in the smoking-room.

It is declared to be a fact that when Joseph Chamberlain was made colonial secretary he did not know where the colonial office was, although it is just opposite Downing street, where he had so often sat as a cabinet minister.

An album once belonging to Von Moltke and now preserved at Creisan contains, among other autographs, a five-line poem by King Ludwig II. of Bavaria, in which Von Moltke is styled "Germany's greatest hero."

George S. Goddard, the new state librarian of Connecticut, graduated from Wesleyan in 1892 and received the degree of B. D. from Yale in 1895. He became assistant librarian of the state library in 1898.

Gens. Joe Wheeler, Fitzhugh Lee and John B. Gordon will attend the next meeting of the Confederate Veterans' association in invited guests. The gathering will be held next August and St. Joseph Mo., is making a strong effort to secure it.

In accordance with the will of the late marquis of Bute the employees on his estate in the island of Bute were paid a sum equal to a full year's salary. The legacy applied only to those who had been upward of two years on the estate at the time of Lord Bute's death. About 160 men of various grades participated.

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